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1. PRIMARY CONCERN OF DEPARTMENT AND DOD IS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF THREE SHIP VISITS TO YUGOSLAV PORTS ANNUALLY. SPECIFIC CONCERN AT PRESENT IS TO ACHIEVE ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE NAVY'S STRONG PREFERENCE FOR FLAGSHIP VISIT TO DUBROVNIK IN MAY WHILE RETAINING DAVIS AND BEARY VISITS TO A YUGOSLAV PORT THIS MONTH.

2. REFTEL (A) PROVIDES RATIONALE FOR REQUEST THAT GOY CONSIDER RIJEKA FOR DAVIS AND BEARY VISIT. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING BACK-TO-BACK VISITS CITED IN REFTEL (A), DEPARTMENT AND DOD PREFER THAT EMBASSY REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF RIJEKA FOR DAVIS AND BEARY.

3. IF, HOWEVER, EMBASSY CONSIDERS REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RIJEKA INAPPROPRIATE OR GOY REMAINS UNWILLING TO PERMIT SUCH A VISIT, EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, INFORM GOY OF PLANNED REQUEST FOR FLAGSHIP VISIT TO DUBROVNIK IN MAY. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS WOULD RESULT IN

BACK-TO-BACK VISITS TO DUBROVNIK (BY DAVIS AND BEARY AND FLAGSHIP). EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH SPLIT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR DAVIS AND BEARY VISITS THIS MONTH, LAST US SHIP VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA (ANTELOPE AND READY) WAS TO SPLIT.

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